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ATTACHMENT B

Please add the following paragraph, on the last page after the claims and before the drawings, as the Abstract for the application filed herewith.

ABSTRACT

A surgical fastening device for pinning a surgical filament to a body tissue. The device includes a grasping handle and a slender shaft extending from the grasping handle. A compartment contains one or more surgical fasteners. An ejecting mechanism is used to eject a surgical fastener from a compartment containing one or more surgical fasteners. The device also includes a filament dispensing system that dispenses surgical filament along the shaft so that a fastener grasps the filament when being ejected from the shaft. The invention also provides surgical fasteners and surgical filaments for use in the device.